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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Honey Locust

Gleditsia triacanthos

Typically this tree does not exceed 100' in height. Its crown is broadly spreading. Some leaves are pinnate and some are bipinnate, 11/2" long, minutely toothed, bright green that turn yellow in autumn. The bark is dark gray and scaly.

-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes,
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

October is Urban and Community Forestry Month here in Washington. To kick off this month, there will be the Trees Across Washington Relay starting from Friday Harbor and finishing at Fairchild Air Force Base. For information about the relay or for ideas on how to celebrate this great month, please call the TreeLink Hotline 1-800-523-8733.

TREE CELEBRATION IN POULSBO

The City of Poulsbo and the Poulsbo Tree Board would like to extend an invitation to the public to the "Poulsbo Tree Fair" on Saturday, October 25th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kvelstad Pavilion in Liberty Bay Park. This event will be held in conjunction with the Washington State's Urban and Community Forestry Month.

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy one of Poulsbo's beautiful downtown parks and experience tree and landscape educational tours, informational booths and demonstrations. Talk with experienced tree and landscape professionals and learn about plant selection, pruning, hazard tree identification, tree planting, proper tree care and maintenance.

The "Tree Fair" highlights and activities include:

- Arthur Lee Jacobson is a noted speaker and author of *Trees of Seattle* and *North American Landscape Trees* and will be participating in the celebration.
- Robert Van Pelt is a research associate in forest ecology at the University of Washington, the founder of the Washington Big Tree Program and the author of *Champion Trees of Washington State* will be participating in the celebration.
- Representatives of Asplundh Tree Expert Company will demonstrate their equipment such as an aerial lift truck that is used for pruning trees along utility corridors.
- Kevin McFarland, a consulting forester with Sound Urban Forestry, will conduct Tree Appraisal and Hazard Tree Appraisal tours throughout the park.
- PlantAmnesty members will be presenting a pruning informational booth and answering questions. Poulsbo Tree Board member and PlantAmnesty volunteer, Bess Bronstein, will conduct a tree pruning demonstration.
- Educational information will be available to the public along with area Green Industry exhibits such as tree care specialists and local nurseries.

There will be refreshments available and activities for children as well. Please join the fun and celebrate trees. To learn more about the Poulsbo Tree Fair, please contact Mary McCluskey, Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Director at 360-779-9898.

TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO DISCOVER WASHINGTON'S NATURAL RESOURCES

This coming October, the Department of Natural Resources is offering two-day workshops to teachers in grades 6-12 in four locations around the state. The "Discover Washington's Natural Resources" workshops will take place October 3-4 in Okanogan at the Cedars Inn, 10-11 in Entiat at the high school, 17-18 in Sequim at the high school, and 24-25 in Olympia at the Natural Resource Building. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Educational Service District 113 are partners with DNR in offering these innovative workshops.

The workshops include concurrent presentations, a take-away teachers' guide, and a discovery field trip in the local watershed. Topics covered by the presentations, activities, and field trips include ecological communities, watersheds, forest ecology, aquatic habitats, community trees, forest health, earthquakes and volcanoes, forest products, and wildfire.

Two curriculum specialists were contracted to assist staff in tying the materials to education reform. They identified the state's essential academic learning requirements addressed in each activity, integrated the material into subject areas for the classroom, and developed assessment rubrics to help teachers evaluate improvement in student skills and learning.

Teachers in attendance at the workshops can choose to receive college or clock hour credit for participating. For more information, contact John Bergvall at 360-902-1027, or Barbara MacGregor at 360-902-1323.

In the works (continued)

"When people plant trees they don't realize what an incredible gift it is to the community."

-Jennifer Belcher
Commissioner of Public Lands

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

TRIVIA: What is the average life span of a downtown street tree?

(answers upside down below)

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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TREE CITY USA FORUM

The 1997 Tree City USA Forum will be hosted by Fairchild Air Force Base on Tuesday, October 21 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. All Tree Cities and potential Tree Cities are invited to participate. The agenda includes Olympia's NeighborWoods program, Spokane's Anti-Topping campaign, Metaline-Washington's smallest Tree City and a tour of the Air Force Base. This is a great opportunity to meet other Tree Cities and learn about innovative programs from around the state. For more information, please contact Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL MEETING

The fall meeting for the Washington Community Forestry Council will be on October 16, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Fairchild Air Force Base. The agenda includes grant application review, election of Chair and Vice Chair and the Trees Across Washington Relay wrap-up. The public is welcome to attend and if you are planning to join us, we need your name and social security number in advance for base clearance. For more information, contact tish carr at 360-902-1703.

SEATTLE'S CARKEEK PARK IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you have energy to burn, Carkeek Park has volunteer program just for you. Opportunities are available in education -leading nature walks, interactive talks and educational activities, maintenance - care for the park by maintaining its natural resources and play areas, special events - planning and coordinating celebrations and administrative aids - assist with daily operations of the park. If you would like to become a Carkeek Park Steward or Project Volunteer, please contact Lana Zander-Bowen, Carkeek Park Volunteer Coordinator, at 206-684-0877.

A growing list of support materials available from our office, call 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.

- Cool Islands: Guidelines for Parking Lot Design and Shading by Gary Austin, University of Idaho for the City of Lewiston, Idaho.

October

- 1-3 "Getting to the Root of Professional Tree Care," 1997 Annual Training Conference of the Pacific Northwest Chapter - International Society of Arboriculture in Whistler, British Columbia. Contact PNW-ISA at 206-784-1945.
- 3-16 Trees Across Washington Relay. Starts in Friday Harbor and finishes in Spokane. This is a non-motorized relay with volunteers who carry a Lodgepole pine seedling along the route by boat, bike, foot and horse. For more information, contact Mark Steelquist at 206-624-7075.
- 4 Carkeek Park Arbor Day from 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Adopted trees at Earth Day 1997 return to be planted in Carkeek Park. Come and sample mini programs at the Carkeek Environmental Education Center. Contact Lana Zander-Bowen at 206-684-0877.
- 11 "A Kaleidoscope of Horticultural Opportunities for Success-Northwest Style," Women in Horticulture Conference at the Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle. Contact Elaine Childs at 206-937-1661 or Regina Grubb at 425-335-4664.
- 18 Clean Water Act 25th Anniversary & Watershed Steward Training at 10 am. Exhibits, tours and free evergreen trees to plant on your property. Learn how to recognize and report water quality problems. Contact Lana Zander-Bowen at 206-684-0877.
- 21 1997 Tree City USA Forum at Fairchild Air Force Base from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.

November

- 7-8 "Defining Professionalism in the Green Industry," 1997 Annual Conference of Washington Association of Landscape Professionals in Mount Vernon, WA. Contact WALP at 425-644-7642.